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12	M/s. I. T. C. Ltd., Calcutta. . . .	31- 51	49 81	N. A.
13	M/s. M. J. Exports Ltd., Bombay	42-23	44-50	35 63
14	M/s. Century Textiles & Industries Ltd., Bom bay	76-58	76 24	99 92
15	M/s. Steel Authority of India Ltd., New Delhi.	16-52	*19 25*	28 68
16	M/s. National AG CO-OP Mkt. Fed. of India Ltd., New Delhi	17-98	20 26	N. A.
17	M/s. Everest Gems, Bombay. . . .	(-)3'74	14 50	9-69
18	M/s. Ganapati Exports Ltd., Calcutta	62-08	56-50	66'78
19	M/s. A. Tosh & Sons, Calcutta	47-98	41-07	77-43
20	M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd., Bombay NOTE: N. A. means Not Available.	64 26	46-10	N. A.

Recognition given under star trading houses scheme

858. DR. YELAMANCHIU SIVAJU Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only a few business houses are eligible for recogni tion under the newly introduced star trad ing houses scheme in the Import-Export Policy for 1990—95; and

(b) if iso, how many business houses have so far been recognised under the Scheme and how many are likely to be recognised in 1990-91?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTII. AL PURUSHOTTAMDASI PATEL): (a,) and (b) Six applications were received for the grant of Star Trading Houtse Certificates tin 31-12-1990, the last date of filing such applications. Of these, one has been rejected as the applicant did not fulfil the eligibility criteria. Two applicants have been *prima fade* found eligible for issue of Star Trading House Certificates. The remaining three implications are being examined.

Export of pepper to the United States

859. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of pepper to the United States has sharply come down because of the stringent qua lity control measures imposed by the U. S. Authority, FDA;

(b) whether it is also a fact that US authorities have found rodent and bird excreta in Indian pepper;

(c) if so, how much substandard pep per was exported under quality control labels issued by Government authorities; and

(d) what steps are being taken to re gain the US market?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTTLAL. PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL); (a) Decline in export Of pepper to USA was mainly due to stiff competition from other producing countries.

(b) to (d) According to the Export Ins-pection Council, since May, 1988 only **one** consignment of Black Pepper valued at

US$ 410416 was rejected. On investigation, it was found that the concerned Export Inspection Agency followed the Ag-mark sampling scheme as it was not aware of US FDA sampling. Immediately purpose *vis-a-vis* mixed extraction vised to adopt US FDA sampling scheme for pre-shipment inspection of black pepper for export to USA,

The Spices Board is taking various steps to step up the quality of spices and improve packaging and marketing.

Export of high valued white natural grade Sesamum

860. SHRI VIREN J- SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's planning to promote exports of high valued whit$_e$ na tural grade sesamum used for food and confectionery and hulled grade for bake-ly purpose *vis-a-vis* mixed extraction grade;

(b^ whether it is fact that a few overseas buyers have imposed restrictions on import of sesamum from India on quality consideration; and

(c) if.; o. what steps are being taken ^{t0} evolve a mechanism for ensuring quality in exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) Export Of sesamum seed, without distinction of different grades, is allowed under OGL subject to registration with Indian Oil and Produce Exporters Association (IOPEA).

(b) Government have not received re ports of overseas buyer countries having imposed restrictions on import of sesa mum from India on quality considera tions. IOPEA have also reported that they have not received any complaint of such restrictions by overseas buyers.

<c) Does not arise.

Disowning the FIR filed in Bofors Investigation Case

861. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions were issued to the Additional Solicitor General to disown the FIR filed by the CBI in the Bofors Investigation Case before the Delhi High Court;

(b) if so the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to (a) above be in negative, the reasons for opposing the CBI's FIR?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LA\y AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWA-MY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(o) The Government did not oppose CBI's FIR.

Loss incurred by co-operative credit societies due to implementation of loim waiver scheme

862. SHRI M. M. JACOB; Will he Minister of FINANCE be pleased lo state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the loan Waiver Scheme has hit the co-operative credit societies to the tune $_0$f several thousand crores of rupees;

(b) if so, what is the amount comren-sated to the co-operative societies by Gov-ernment; and

(c) whether the scheme is still in vogue?

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